

HOLY REDEEMER

CATHOLIC PARISH

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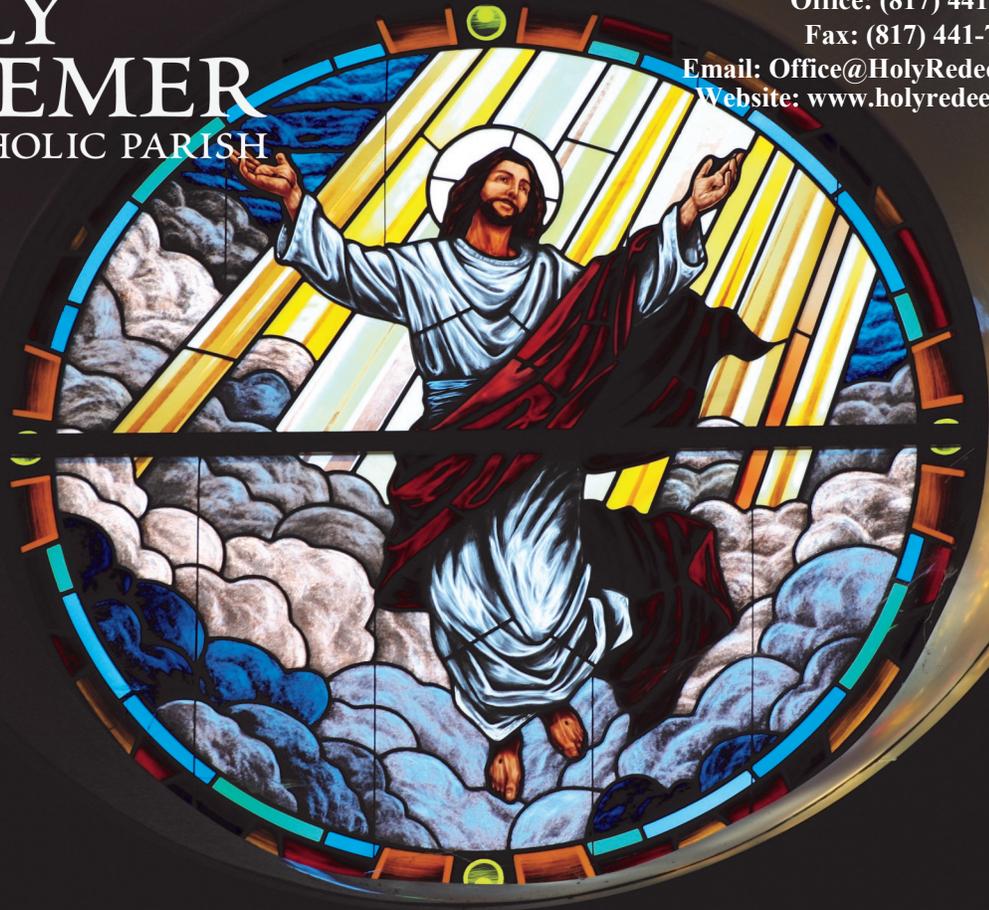
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OFFICE HOURS

Mon,-Thurs. 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Friday 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

First Sunday of the Month:

The Mass of Healing ...5:30 p.m.

MASS TIMES

Wed, Thurs, Fri. 9:00 a.m.

Saturday 5:30 p.m.

Sunday 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession:

Saturday at 4:30 p.m.

Are You Interested in the Catholic Faith?

If you are non-baptized or baptized in another denomination and are interested in exploring our faith, please consider joining our Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) program. Contact DRE for more information.

Holy Orders and Religious Life

For information on the Sacrament of Holy Orders and/or Religious Life, please contact Fr. Jonathan Wallis, Director of Vocations, 817-945-9321 or email vocations@fwdioc.org.

Adoration for Vocations

The first Sunday of each month, for one hour, after the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

Bulletin Deadlines

Articles for the bulletin should be submitted a week in advance. Friday is the deadline. Phone the parish office or email the office.

Parish Registration

Welcome to our parish! Please pick up a welcome packet located in the Narthex and complete the registration form inside and return to the office.

Sacrament of Baptism

You must be registered parishioner for 3 months prior to baptism. Private baptisms are on the first Saturday of the month at 3:00 p.m. Baptisms during Mass are on the first weekend of the month at rotating Masses.

Sacrament of Confirmation

Confirmation is a two year program beginning in 9th grade. Contact the DRE for more information.

Sacrament of Marriage

Contact the parish office to schedule an initial meeting with the Pastor or Deacon 9-12 months before the wedding date. Pre-Cana and NFP must be completed before the wedding date.

Marriage Tribunal

If you were previously married and wish to inquire about an annulment or would like your current marriage blessed, please call Deacon Scott France.

Communion for the Sick and Shut-ins

If you or a member of your family is unable to receive communion at Mass due to sickness or other disability, please call the parish office.

Readings and Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, MAY 24

NO 8:00 a.m. Mass

9:30 a.m. Mass & LIVE STREAM

Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20

MONDAY, MAY 25

Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab/Jn 16:29-33

TUESDAY, MAY 26

Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21/Jn 17:1-11a

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27

NO Mass

Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab/Jn 17:11b-19

THURSDAY, MAY 28

NO Mass

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Jn 17:20-26

FRIDAY, MAY 29

NO Mass

Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab/Jn 21:15-19

SATURDAY, MAY 30

5:30 p.m. Mass

Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7/Jn 21:20-25

Through The Eyes of Faith

The Apostles didn't get it. Despite the fact Jesus told them that he was going to die and eventually ascend to the Father, they were still confused. Even in the very last moments before Jesus was to leave them, they thought he was going to restore the kingdom of Israel and become a political ruler who would reestablish the throne of David. They really didn't get it until after the Ascension, when the Holy Spirit came and enlightened them. It's not surprising, then, that we, too, sometimes wonder why the Son had to ascend and what it means to be seated at the right hand of the Father.



Jesus returned to the right hand of the Father, not to leave us but to lead us all the way to heaven. The great paradox is because he has ascended, he is able to remain with us in a profound new way.

If Jesus had remained on earth in his physical body, he would have been present and visible in only one place. Now he is present in his Mystical Body, the Church. He is truly present in the Scriptures, in Baptism, in Confession, and in every sacramental action of the Church. And he is really present in his Body and Blood in the Eucharist. We see him, not with our human sight, but with the eyes of faith. What we are called to do, as faithful believers, is to let the world know that the Jesus who ascended into heaven is still with us, in the Church and through the Sacraments.

HOLY REDEEMER'S PRAYER INTENTION BOOK

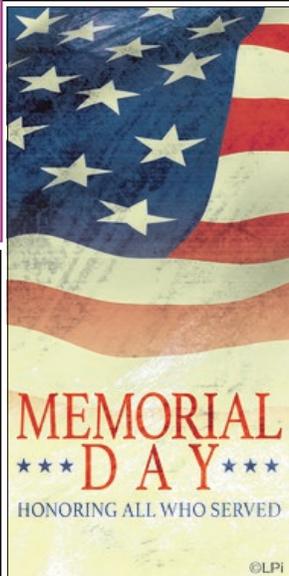
Please continue to remember and pray for all those listed in our prayer intention book.

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GOD BLESS OUR MILITARY

We ask Lord, that You guide the leaders of our great country in all their decisions.

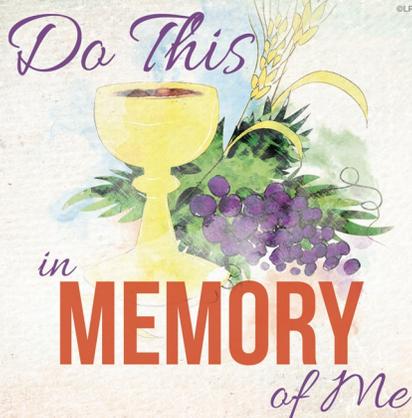
The burden that has been placed on their shoulders is overwhelming.

We ask that with Your infinite wisdom You guide them gently to the right decision.

Protect and guide our Military, oh Lord; strengthen them in their trials; give them courage to face the perils which beset them;

grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be;

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Do you know any Holy Redeemer Students graduating this 2020 (High School or College)?

If you do please call the parish office so we can recognize them in a future bulletin.

Our Parish Mission Statement

To all who need comfort...
To all who are lonely and need companionship...
To all who seek sheltering love...
To all who sin and need a Redeemer...
To all who offer praise to the Lord...
To all who long for peace...
To those who would serve a living God...
To all who come, from near or afar this church opens wide its doors and in the name of Jesus we say:
Welcome

We encourage you to visit our Holy Redeemer website for any and **ALL** updates for our Parish events, information and **schedule** of the Mass.
www.holyredeemeraledo.org



Thank you to our Sponsor of the week

Thomas J. Novak D.D.S.

ASCENSION - LEFT BEHIND BUT NOT LEFT ALONE

Part Two



*The Mount of Olivet, the Mount of pain became the Mount of the Ascension. Pain and suffering are not a sign of punishment but a way leading to heaven.

* Why were the Apostles so anxious looking up to heaven?

They were going to miss Jesus tremendously. He was their leader, friend, companion, healer and teacher. They were already scarred by Good Friday, and now he is leaving them. They were left behind but not abandoned. *"It is better for you that I go, for if I do not go, the Advocate will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you."* John 16:7

* Men of Galilee: Quit looking to heaven and begin working. Leave and proclaim the message of Jesus.

* At his Ascension Jesus told them: *"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit"*. Mt. 28:19. The exact words of Jesus are still used for Baptisms 2,000 years later.

* The Easter Candle symbolizing Christ, which has been lit at the liturgy during these forty days after the Resurrection, will be extinguished on Ascension Day and will be lit during baptisms and funerals.

Most Merciful Father: During this Easter season 2020, we have the same thoughts of the apostles 2000 years ago when they saw you ascending into heaven. "Master why are you leaving us? Why couldn't God just let you stay with us, forever, right here on earth in the flesh?" The answer probably coming from heaven would have been because if Jesus would have stayed with the apostles, they would have stayed dependent on him. Jesus wanted them and their successors to continue his mission on earth while from heaven he is guiding them through the Holy Spirit.

What student pilot would ever learn to fly the plane if the instructor did not eventually leave the cockpit to allow the student to fly solo? What bride and groom would ever start their new family if they did not leave their mother and father at home?

Merciful Father, the apostles were told not to stay looking up to heaven. For several weeks and months your faithful people have been looking up to heaven in humble prayer and yearning for an end to the COVID-19. Lord Jesus, as you blessed your apostles as you ascended into heaven, please bless the whole world with a remedy to this deadly virus. Let the guidance of Your Holy Spirit guide mankind to heal and eradicate this deadly fear.

Let the Ascension teach us that we are not abandoned or forgotten, but from heaven you are watching and loving us. Ascension means Jesus is not only in the Holy Land but everywhere sharing whatever comes in life with us. Help us that we may not let our fear dominate our hope. Amen.

Let not your *Fear* overcome your *Faith*.

May God bless you and keep you safe.

Mmgr. Publius Xuereb